

A frightening thing is happening in this country. There used to be a time when, unlike Europe, Americans used to turn to a non-partisan press to get information about elections and the daily news. Now special interest groups own the media not to inform, but to propagandize and change the outcomes of elections. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election shows this disregard for journalistic truth.

Since Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. I request that you stop Sinclair from airing "Stolen Honor," unless they balance it with a pro-Kerry perspective such as "Going Upriver." Free speech is one thing, but when we allow public airwaves to give free speech to the highest bidder, then all is lost, especially our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Thank you.